

Mississippi Secretary of State

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

AGENCY NAME Mississippi Public Service Commission	CONTACT PERSON Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary	TELEPHONE NUMBER 601-961-5434	
ADDRESS Post Office Box 1174	CITY Jackson	STATE MS	ZIP 39215
EMAIL	SUBMIT DATE 03-30-10	Name or number of rule(s): Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service Rule 8	

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal:

Rule 8 A is amended to require utilities to provide in its disconnection notice a summary of responsibilities to avoid disconnection, certain days where disconnection may not occur, and a requirement to reconnect within 24 hours after payment. Rule 8 B is amended to allow residential ratepayers the ability to negotiate a deferred payment plan to avoid disconnection and avoid disconnection if customer is awaiting LIHEAP benefits. Rule 8 is amended to include a subsection F which provides exceptions to utility service cutoffs for life threatening illness, declared emergencies, and extreme temperature.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: MS Code Ann. § 77-3-45List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Rule 8

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☒ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: May 4, 2010, Time: 10:30 a.m. Place: 501 N.W. St., Woolfolk State Office Bldg., 1st Fl., PSC Hearing Room, Jackson, MS 39201

☐ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☒ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☐ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES

____ Original filing
 ____ Renewal of effectiveness
 To be in effect in ____ days
 Effective date:
 ____ Immediately upon filing
 ____ Other (specify): ____

PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES

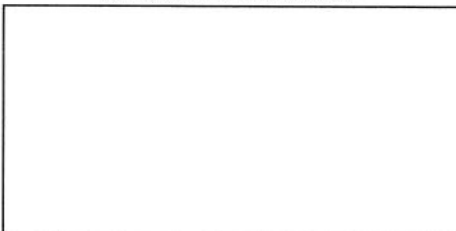
Action proposed:
 ____ New rule(s)
X Amendment to existing rule(s)
 ____ Repeal of existing rule(s)
 ____ Adoption by reference
 Proposed date of adoption:
X 30 days after filing
 ____ Other (specify): ____

FINAL ACTION ON RULES

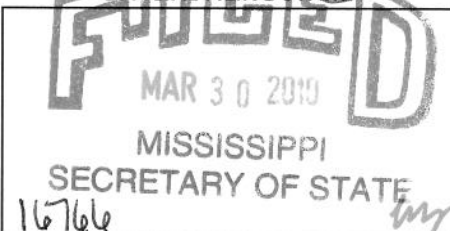
Action taken:
 ____ Adopted with no changes in text
 ____ Adopted with changes
 ____ Adopted by reference
 ____ Withdrawn
 ____ Repeal adopted as proposed
 Effective date:
 ____ 30 days after filing
 ____ Other (specify): ____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary
 Signature of person authorized to file rules: [Signature]

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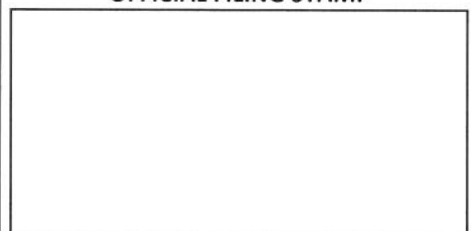


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